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SUBJECT: MEMCON OF ANDREOTTI- ROGERS DISCUSSION ON DUNN-
VANONI AGREEMENT, APRIL 17, 1973

1. THE SECRETARY REFERRED TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE
ARISEN FOR US IN CONNECTION WITH THE DUNN- VANONI AGREEMENT
AND SAID HE HOPED THAT THEY CAN BE RESOLVED FAVORABLY. THE
PRIME MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT NEW LEGISLATION PROVIDES
THE BASIS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DUNN- VANONI AGREEMENT
WITH REGARD TO FUTURE PROCUREMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS
BEEN MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF
THE ACCUMULATION OF BACK CLAIMS. THE GOI' S EFFORTS IN
THIS REGARD HAVE ENCOUNTERED A SERIES OF LEGAL PROBLEMS.
THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE REALIZED THAT THE MOST URGENT
ASPECT OF THE BACK CLAIMS PROBLEM IS THE SUIT WHICH HAS
BEEN FILED IN AN ITALIAN COURT AGAINST THE US GOVERNMENT
AND WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE
SAID HE COULD INFORM US MOST CONFIDENTIALLY THAT AN EFFORT
IS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE THIS PARTICULAR CASE SO THAT IT
WILL NOT COME TO TRIAL. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO THE
BALANCE OF THE BACK CLAIMS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO
CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR AN APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE FOR RE-
IMBURSEMENT.

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AMBASSADOR VOLPE SAID HE FELT THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
IS MAKING A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM
AND THAT WITH THE INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE OF THE PRIME
MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER MEDICI, AND MINISTER OF
JUSTICE GONELLA IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A
SATISFACTORY SOLUTION BEFORE LONG. END OF TEXT.

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